



Board Agenda Item 35

DATE: April 23, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Melissa Cregan, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures

SUBJECT: Cooperative Agreement for the Floating Aquatic Vegetation Control Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve and authorize the Chairman to execute cooperative Agreement No. C1870803 with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for a floating aquatic vegetation control program, effective upon the State's notice to proceed through January 1, 2023, total not to exceed \$180,207.

Approval of the recommended action will allow the County to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation to reimburse the Department's costs for the Floating Aquatic Vegetation Control Program activities.

This item is countywide.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Should your Board not approve the recommended action, the Department will not receive funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation for the Floating Aquatic Vegetation Control Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with this recommended action. Fresno County will receive approximately \$180,207 in revenue from the California Department of Parks and Recreation to fund this program over the next five years. The estimated revenues and appropriations to fund the full cost of the program are included in the FY 2018-19 Adopted Budget, Department of Agriculture Org 40101003 and will be included in subsequent budget years.

DISCUSSION:

Water hyacinth, water primrose, spongeplant and alligatorweed are not native to either California or the United States and has no natural enemies; therefore, it was become an aquatic pest. Since its arrival in the San Joaquin basin in the early 1970's these aquatic pests have spread to the upper San Joaquin River in Fresno County.

Other counties in California are also performing the floating aquatic vegetation control program. The work that will be performed in Fresno County not only benefits our citizens, but also counties such as Merced, which is downstream, and Madera, which shares a common boundary with Fresno County.

Past agreements have been called the water hyacinth control program. The California Department of Parks and Recreation have included additional floating aquatic plants to the control program, and now refer to this

agreement as the floating aquatic vegetation control program.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #32, May 8, 2018

BAI #44, September 12, 2017

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Agreement

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald Alexander